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Salonique, Greece]

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Ritsos

HOTEL DU BRÉSIL
GUILHEN, PROPRIÉTAIRE
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EAU CHAUDE ET FROIDE
DANS TOUTES LES CHAMBRES
BAINS - ASCENSEUR

TÉLÉPHONE :
PARIS - PROVINCE
GUTENBERG 19-87

PARIS (9e), LE April 28th 1923

Dear Mr. Noe,

I was very pleased by receiving your kind letter of 20th inst.

I think it will be mot possible fot me to reach there between May 20th and 28th.

Therefore I shall expect to meet you in England according to the information that I am awaiting from you.

IN reply of your questions I am telling you that I possess among the different coins, as I wrote you, many silver and gold pieces, some of them very scarce.

It will be possible for you to choose besides those of Mende in series of 29 coins many of the classic and ancient pieces I possess in Manchester, accordig to your need.

My desire is to meet you in England to submit you all my collections and I am sure you will be very satisfyed in visiting Manchester. You will have the occasion to admire all the archaic pieces I possess in a large variety.

If you intend to reach England I shall take care of beeng there at the end of next month and it will be great pleasure for me to meet you in Manchester.

Mr.Hill of the British Museum is kkeping casts of some coins but different of those of 29 Mende pieces.

I note that your are not inclined to pay large prices and I tell you that all they purchased such coins and the most of the Museums have payed reasonable prices.

Mr. Cambanis only who has aquired some of them at the last time and on the occasion of h is trip to Europe used means of deceit by persons who purchased some coins of not good conservation.

I assure you that you will be very satis--fied of your visit in Manchester and in the meantime I remain

Yours very truly

N. Rizos

Athens, May 6, 1925.

Dear Mr. Bitsos:-

Your courteous letter of Apr. 20th did not reach me until this morning, and I hasten to inform you of my enforced change of plan. I have received word from London that it will not be necessary for me to go to England, and I am therefore planning to sail direct from Athens about June 10th.

I am very greatly disappointed that this will prevent my meeting you in Manchester as I had hoped - the more so because of what you write regarding the 29 coins of Rhode as well as those of the other cities. You write that you cannot come to Athens before May 20th - would your plans permit coming between June 6th and 10th? I should not venture to suggest this, had you not already written that you thought of coming soon.

But if you cannot come, would it be possible for you to send me at once, by registered first class mail, casts of all the Rhode pieces you still have. I have been commissioned to secure several of the varieties if I can purchase them at a reasonable figure. Further more, I should be glad to show the casts to any member of our Society in New York who might be interested, and especially to Mr. Newell. If you could include casts of the other rare pieces of which you have written, so much the better. I realize that casts often do not do full justice

to coins, but this is the only way I can suggest that will permit me to see that you have. I should be much better pleased, of course, if it should prove possible for you to come to Athens and bring with you any or all of the coins of which you have write.

Please let me hear from you by next mail.

Very truly yours,

Athens, May 6, 1923.

Dear M. Mitsos:-

Your courteous letter of Apr. 28th did not reach me until this morning, and I hasten to inform you of my enforced change of plans. An opportunity has come for me to visit the islands of the Cyclades and I am leaving for a two weeks cruise on May 9th. In addition to this, I have received word from England that it will not be necessary for me to go to London, and I am therefore planning to sail direct from Athens about June 10th.

I am very greatly disappointed that this will make it impossible for me to visit you in Manchester - much more so because of what you write regarding the 29 coins of Mende which you have as well as those of other ancient cities.

You write that you cannot come to Athens before May 28th - would the later date for my departure be a more convenient one, and is it possible that you could see me here early in June? I should not suggest such a plan if you had not written that you did plan to come here this season. Also, the lady in your house at Salonique mentioned that you contemplated coming to America, and I should be pleased to talk with you about that.

But if this should be inconvenient, may I urge you to send me to my

New York address - that is, send them addressed to The American Numismatic Society, Sydney P. Noe, Secretary, 156th St. and Broadway, New York - casts of each and every one of the 29 Mende coins of which you write. It is my purpose to reach New York about July 1st, and I should take pleasure in showing those casts to any of the members of our Society who might be interested. I have been commissioned to secure several of the varieties if I can purchase them at a reasonable figure, but as you know, the die combinations are very numerous and it is difficult to indicate them accurately unless one has casts. There is also likelihood that I shall publish an article regarding this series, and it would be a great pity not to have the pieces which you have included. If it would not be too much trouble for you to include casts of the other rare coins of which you have written I should be very glad to see them - but I do hope that it will be possible for you to be in Athens between June 8th and 10th.

Will you write me by return mail whether you can come to Athens. If this is not possible, please let me know if you will send casts of the Mende pieces to New York as indicated above.

Very truly yours,

Pour ab^t

S. P. Noe.

Htel De Bresil

Rue Bergere 23

Paris

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Michel Ritsos

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Memo. from

Them. Pappavangelou,

Exporter of Machinery and Manchester Goods.
29. Minshull Street,
and at MICHAIL VODA 9
ATHENS.
Manchester.

Sydney P.Noe Esq.

Athens.

May 31st 22

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 20th which was forwarded on to me in Manchester, also your later one, & regret you were unable to come to England.

I have sent you per sample post, a box containing paper impressions of Gold & Silver Coins, which I hope will be of interest to you.

I regret to say that I was unable, whilst in Manchester, to make you plaster casts, but when I return to Paris I will write you in detail. In three days I hope to be in Paris.

Yours faithfully

July 3rd, 1953

Dear M. Ritzoos

Although I have not yet received from Paris the Mende coats which Mr. Syman was to send me, I am writing for several points of information and I shall write you again within a very short time after the coats have been received, and after I have shown them to Mr. Howell.

As you probably know, I went to Manchester and saw Mrs. Papamargelou. I was quite overcome by the coins which she showed me, as you probably did I should be. I made impressions of a few of the Mende pieces only.

At your convenience, I should greatly appreciate having the weights of the archaic pieces and of the piece with the head of Hesperides. There is no immediate hurry about this but I should like the information as soon as may be convenient.

I am saying that Mr. Syman made impressions of all of the gold staters of Alexander and Philip which you showed me in Paris, because Mr. Howell is interested in some of them. I made a very brief examination of the coins I saw in Manchester. Will you not please tell me some more the details of where the coins were found and how many there were in the find originally? Also, were the coins of Lysimachus found with the others? I had no time ever to look at the coins of Lysimachus, so if you would send me some impressions of several of the varieties when you reply, I should appreciate it.

There would be no use in speaking of prices of the Mende pieces until after I have shown the coats, but I should like some idea of the price at which you held the gold staters. Could you arrange to send them in lots of, say, ten or twenty for Mr. Howell's consideration, or send several which he might select? Also, could you name a price for individual pieces - a price, assuming that we should select at least ten, and another price in case we should select twenty. You, of course, know the current value of these coins and realize that buying constantly as he does, Mr. Howell could not be inclined to pay fancy prices. I do feel, however, that there is likelihood that he might purchase a considerable proportion of those I have seen if some such arrangement as I have proposed above could be made.

You doubtless are aware of the method by which coins are sent insured.

I am sending a carbon of this letter to your Manchester address, and stating therein that this original is going to you in Paris.

While I was in Paris, you showed me a small silver piece of Mende with the head of Hesperides, on which, as I remember, you placed a valuation of 40 francs. If you still have this and are willing to sell it to me for that figure, you might send it with your reply, and I will mail you a cheque to cover.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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CLUB ANGLAIS
3bis, CHAUSSÉE D'ANTIN

Paris le 30 Juillet 1923

Dear Sir,

Your kind letter of 3rd inst reached me duly and contents noted.

It is with great pleasure that I am answering to the different points of the above mentionned letter.

As regards the weight of the Mende old pieces, which as You know are in Manches--ter, I will meet your request at the first occasion, as early as possible.-

II.- The Mende piece with the Head of young Dyonyssos was found in the village Kaléandra (old Mende) by a peasant who 40 years ago was occupyed with excavations in different places of the old town. He carried his excavations 10 yars ago in a determinate place of the above mentionned village, where he hoped to find something. With the purpose to dissimulate this work he was ogliged to plant and cultivate a field and carried there his searching for antiquity. At last he succe--ded in finding the piece 7 years ago.-

III.- The gold pieces of King Lyssimachos (two model of gold Statere) with the K mono--gram were found also in PALLINY (Kassandra) viz. in the field of the old town SYKLONY.

One of the men who were harvesting there observed something luminous in the fiel and really it was the STATERE of king L., the first of the 100 pieces found there.

To avoid the attention of his col-leagues the peasant went regullarly there after the harverst was over and continued

his excavations, thuss he arrived at having discovered 100 of the pieces of which I pos--sessed 80 at different occasions.

IV.- Concerning the gold Stateres of Alexandre the III? I am told You that were found in the neighbourhood of GREVENA, WEST MACEDONIA, the total number of the pieces amounted to : 150 Stateres of Alexandre III 20 of Philippe II, 1 of Lyssimachus and 1 of Selevkus all the same type of Alexandre with the corresponding inscriptions of Lyssimachus and Selevkus. A part of this, 15 Stateres of Alexandre III (double Stateres) were found there. The whole party was sold by a peasant to a changer who resold it to me 6 years ago.

V.- It was me unfortunatly not possi--ble to meet Mr. Wyman .I went twice to the fixed adress St Mark Office but without succe--ces nobody having been there. I left my car--te with request to write me for meeting but I dn't receve any reply.-

I am leaving Paris for Germany anf after a short staying there I will be back to Salonica where I shall remain for two months. From Salonica I will be back to Europe at that time.-

I greatly desire to go to America and visit New York as I think it will advi-sable to meet Mr. Newell there. Thuss he will appreciate by seeing all my collection of old pieces I possess and he will choose that of interest for him. All antiquity sold by me is guaranteed.

I will be very obliged to you if you were so kind to give me any moral assisa--stance in realizing thi s journey .Please write me at which time it should be advisable to undertake the journey with hope to meet Mr. Newell there.

In the meantime I should like to know :

1o) If old pieces are free of taxes in entering your country?

2o) If antiquity of bronze, marble, earthenware etc. are subject to taxes and how ? In the case that it were not sold there will be possible to re-export these without paying any thing?

As I know you have taken the photo of VENUS showed in Manchester and I should beg you to tell me if you have taken any proceeding to the interested circles there to such a antiquity of the 3rd century, of extraordinary a r t and beauty. Your reply will oblige me very much.

I hope that my informations will be of any interest to you ant in assuring you that I am disposed to give any more you are asking,

I remain
sincerely Yours

M. Ritsos

Michel Ritsos

6 Rue Prince Nicolas

Salonica
Greece

August 16, 1927.

Dear Mr. Fitzes:-

Thank you very much for your letter of July 30th, which has just reached me. I take that you will agree with the weights of the Paris pieces is going to be important. I am very sorry indeed that Mr. Wheeler did not get you on the phone in time, because I should like further information regarding the gold statues of Alexander and Philip from the Ouvaroff Hoard. Could you prepare a list of the symbols and monograms on these pieces, indicated in terms when you have time, please?

I am very glad to give you any assistance possible with regard to coming to New York. I note that you are expecting to be in Greece for two months, and that you will return to Paris (?) at the end of that time. Mr. Newell informs me, however, that he is planning to sail for Europe about the first of October, and it is probable that he will be in Paris and London about the first of January of next year. Do you not think that it would be better for you to arrange to see him then, and thus avoid the expense of a trip to this country? He is the main collector in America. I know who would be interested in the coins which you have.

I am also to answer your questions with regard to the importation of antiquities. There are no duties on antiquities and objects of art, whether of bronze, marble or terra cotta, provided they are more than one hundred years of age, nor would there be any difficulty in your taking them back with you in case they were not sold. I have not had time to show the photographs which were given me in Constantinople - besides the person to whom I planned to show them is now in Europe and will be there for another month.

When I saw you in Paris, you promised to give Mr. [illegible] an impression of the large cotyledon [illegible] erythrae. I [illegible]

[illegible] an impression of the one at Worcester, but I think the one you had with you at Paris is the better of the two. [illegible] tell me where these were found, and whether any other coins were found with them? How many of these antoninianus have been in your possession? Have you any more than the two which you showed me? I should be glad to learn anything you can tell me about such pieces.

You did not answer about your price for the Alexander quinarius. I also asked you to send me the small piece of [illegible] which you valued forty francs. I hope you have kept it for me.

If you [illegible] Paris, I would be glad to call on you or meet you there, but I think it best [illegible] a time when Mr. Newell is not here. If you do not see him in Paris or before next January, then it would be worth while for you to call at Aurich after that. I should not, however, advise it before that time. In the meantime, I shall be very glad to answer any further questions.

Yours very truly,

[illegible] 1, [illegible]

Mr. Robert Brown,

[illegible]

[illegible]

February 1st, 1924

M. Michel Dimas
Rue D'Lugeway No.6
Bruxelles, Belgique

Dear M. Dimas:

I am sorry to understand the delay in your letter of December 4th which has just reached me and because you speak of leaving Belgium on January, I am sending a carbon of this letter to your address in Manchester as well. If Mr. Newell returns by way of England, I will suggest that he or his get in touch with you and endeavor to arrange an appointment.

When you write again, please advise me also whether your Paris address is the same as the one at which I found you when I was there.

I am very anxious indeed to have Mr. Newell see the gold winters of Alexander which you have, and will do everything I can to bring about a meeting. It is just possible that Mr. Newell may return here direct from Italy, but in any event I will write him as indicated above.

I was very sorry to learn that you had been ill, and trust by this time you have fully recovered.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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Michel Ritsos

Antiquaire

Salonique, le 23 February 1924

Mr Sydney P Noe

Dear Mr Sydney

Newyork America

I have duly received your esteemed letter of the 1st inst and I am much surprised at the delay of my letter.

With regard to my having put off my departure for England there are many a reason and more especially the state of my health and the severe cold weather which we have experienced this year in this part of the world

Any how my ultimate decision this year is to leave for Europe at the End of March nex. when I trust to have the pleasure to meet Mr Newell and arrange an appoint in accordance with your wish

With reference to my address in Paris please note that it's the same as the one at which you found when you were there. My Manchester address is also the same

Thanking you for the expressed interest regarding my health

Very truly yours,

M. Ritsos

Michel Ritsos

Antiquaire - Salonique

Mr Sydney P Noe

The American Numismatic Society

Broadway at 156th St

Newyork

America

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March 11th, 1926

M. Michel Ritsos
C/o M. Them. Pappavangelou
29 Minshull Street
Manchester, England

Dear M, Ritsos:

I am writing to you at Manchester with the thought that you may have already returned to England, knowing that if such is the case, the letter will be forwarded to you wherever you may be.

I am enclosing a reproduction of one of the varieties of the Mende pieces which you sent us. This you had priced at Sixty Pounds. One of our members is very much interested in the piece but he is not in a position to pay more than fifty pounds for it. I think you told me that you had a number of specimens from this same pair of dies - in fact, you showed me one or two in Paris, and I saw several more from these same dies in Manchester. Is there a possibility that you might have another specimen for which you could accept an offer of fifty pounds, if that were satisfactory to our member?

As you probably know, this type was the most common of all those which occurred in the hoard, and I have record of something like thirty different specimens. Furthermore, counterfeits have been seen in Paris and Athens. Dr. Hirsch has been visiting in New York and has sold a number of Mende tetradrachms for forty pounds each. I mention this in order that you may see that the former prices of these coins no longer hold.

Please let me know whether you will send other specimens of this tetradrachm, or whether you will consider accepting fifty pounds for the piece which is already here.

Should you send another consignment of coins, I hope you will include some of the smaller denominations that would be more moderate in price.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

March 17th, 1926

M. Michel Ritsos
C/o M. Them. Pappavangelou
29 Minshull Street
Manchester, England

Dear M. Ritsos:

I regret that the enclosed reproduction was omitted in my previous letter to you, and am hastening to forward same to you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

May 18th, 1936

M. Michel Hitsos
Rue d'Esperay, 6
Salonique

Dear M. Hitsos:

Regarding your letter of April 29th and the Monde piece for which you asked sixty francs, the member who was interested has decided to take this at your price, and a draft will be sent you as soon as possible. We shall also arrange to return the remainder of the consignment which you sent us, probably within the coming week.

A second of our members has been interested in this pair of dies, which is No.93 on Plate IX of the monograph, of which I am sending you a copy. It might be worth while for you to send the two best specimens remaining in your possession for his consideration, and I hope that you will make the best possible price to him.

Could you, at the same time, send the little tetrobol which you showed me in Paris with the youthful head of Dionysus, and for which you asked fifty francs? I should also be glad to have you send any less expensive pieces of the smaller denominations which I might have, and which might be within my reach.

Very truly yours

Secretary

June 4th, 1926

M. Michel Ritsos
C/o M. Thom Pappavangelou
29 Minshull Street
Manchester, Eng.

Dear M. Ritsos:

Under separate cover, I am sending you a package containing the coins which you have recently sent us.

I am also sending through our bank, a draft for sixty pounds for the Mende piece, about which I have written you.

The other pieces which have been retained (Nos. 2, 12, 13, 15 and 20 of your list) were all taken by Mr. Newell, who has, I believe, already written you concerning them.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

June 25th, 1926

M. Michel Ritsos
C/o M. Them. Pappavangelou
29 Minshull Street
Manchester, England

Dear M. Ritsos:

I am, herewith, sending you a draft for Sixty Pounds to cover the cost of the Mende tetradrachm, concerning which I have previously written you.

Very truly yours,

Encs.

Secretary

7th March, 1928

M. Michel P. Ritsos,
6, rue Serail,
Salonique, Greece

Dear M. Ritsos:

May I ask whether you have in your stock any tetradrachms of Maronsia, and, if so, if you will kindly send us rubbings of them. Also, if you have any of the coins of Thasos with the head of Dionysos on the obverse and the kneeling Hercules on the reverse, I should be very glad to know of them. When I saw you in Paris, you showed me a small coin of Mende which you priced at 50 francs. If you have any other small coins that are not high in value, I should be glad if you could send a small selection or rubbings of them as of the others. I think you wrote me that you would keep the Mende piece for me; I hope you have done so. This could be very easily registered, and if you have kept it I shall be glad to have you send it on to me.

Trusting that you will be able to write that you are in better health, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary

MICHEL RITSOS
RUE D'ESPERAY 6
SALONIQUE

Greece

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Mr The Professor Sydney P.Noe

Newyork

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th ultimo, contents of which I have carefully noted.

With regard to the coins you refer to in your letter under reply, I am sorry to inform you that just at the present moment I do not dispose any of them, and directly I succeed in getting same, I shall be but too pleased to let you know without delay.

As to the half Drach silver coin as I have already written you, I cannot trace it where it is just now. I am searching in my collection in Europe, and as soon as I will get hold of it, I will not fail to forward it to you, as I have promised you.

I beg to thank you about your enquiry regarding my state of health, which is improving, and wishing to hear that you are keeping well,

I beg to remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

M. Ritsos

MICHEL RITSOS
RUE D'ESPERAY 6
SALONIQUE

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Mr Sydney Philip Noe

Newyork

Dear Sir,

Without the pleasure of hearing from you since a very long time, I shall be glad to be favoured with your good news informing me that you are keeping well and satisfied.

Having some matters in suspens since a considerable long time with Professor Newell whom, whom I have not heard since about a year, although several letters I have addressed to him at the address of the American Numismatic Society, I shall be greately obliged to you if you will kindly remember me to his good recollection and tell him that I shall feel grateful to him if he will favour me with his kind news.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter, and hoping to hear from you shortly.

I beg to remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours very truly.

M. Ritsos

I shall feel much obliged if you will kindly hasten your reply to this letter.

M. Ritsos

MICHEL RITSOS
RUE D'ESPERAY 6
SALONIQUE

The American Numismatic Society

for Mr Sydney P. Noe

Broadway between 155th
and 156th Streets

Newyork.
U.S.A.

February 27th 1930

Michel Ritsos
Rue D'Esperay 6
Salonique, Greece

Dear Sir:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of January 28th, and I trust that you too, continue in good health. Mr. Newell has been absent from New York City for a large part of the summer, but he tells me that he plans to write to you shortly after the first of March.

It seems a very long time since I saw you in Paris. If you have received any Greek coins recently which you think would be of interest to us, I should be very glad to have you send us rubbings of them, as you have done on previous occasions. When you reply will you be so good as to let me know when you leave Salonique in the summer. There is just a possibility that one of the members of our staff may be in your city in May or June,-if so, it may be possible for her to call upon you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

MICHEL RITSOS
RUE D'ESPERAY 8
SALONIQUE

Salonique, le 5th April 1930

Mr Sydney P. Noe
Newyork

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your favour of the 27th February last, contents of which I have noted.

I am much obliged for the information you give me about Mr Newell, unfortunaly I have not heard from him, and have not had the settlement of the balance of my account with him. I have not received too from him the coin Philip Didrachme Silver.

By to-day's mail I am writing again to him, and hope this time to have an answer

I hope to be here during the month of May, intending to leave on my usual trip towards the 15th June to Europe.

Yours very truly,

M. Ritsos